

**Governor's Commission on Suicide Prevention – Meeting**  
**November 19, 2018 • 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.**  
**Spring Grove Hospital Center, Dix Building Basement, 55 Wade Avenue, Catonsville**

**Commission Members Present:**

Janel Cabbage	Behavioral Health Administration
Christina Drushel-Williams	Governor's Office for Children
Adelaide Eckardt	Member of the Maryland Senate
Stephen Goldberg	Public Health Services
Jennilyn Babcock Landbeck	Family Member
Jennifer McMahan	Department of Health
Deborah Nelson	Maryland Department of Education
Kirsten Robb-McGrath	Maryland Department of Disabilities
Maura Rossman, MD	Local Health Officer
Jennifer Treger	Mental Health Association of Maryland
Jari Villanueva	Veteran

**Commission Members on Phone:**

Dana Stacey Burl	Department of Veterans Affairs
Amanda Celentano	Department of Aging
Shenetta Malkia-Sapp	Suicide Prevention Group
Randall Nero, PHD	Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
William Powell	National Organization for People of Color Against Suicide

**Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Staff:**

Kimberly Hiner	Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (Commission Staff)
Beth Haynes	Behavioral Health Administration (Incoming Staff)

**Members of the Public:**

Taylor Binnix  
Steve (S. Hunter) Smith  
Lorraine Bernstein

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Commission Staff, Kim Hiner, welcomed all attendees to the Commission meeting. All meeting attendees, both in person and on the phone, introduced themselves.

**Approval of September 21, 2018 minutes:**

- a. No corrections to minutes
- b. Minutes approved (Jennilyn Babcock Landbeck approved)

**2019 meeting dates and location:**

- a. Kim reviewed the upcoming meeting dates and locations. BHA will send map and directions. The May, September meeting locations will be decided later.

**New staff announcement:**

- a. Beth Haynes, MPPA, Suicide Prevention Coordinator from the Behavioral Health Administration will take over Kim's role for the Commission starting in January.

**Open Meetings Act training:**

- a. Deborah A. Donahue, Deputy Council for Boards, Department of Health provided an overview of the Open Meetings Act and answered questions regarding the Act. For members who were unable to attend November's meeting, there will be extra packets available during the January meeting.

**By-laws final review and approval:**

- a. The by-laws were sent out for final review. All comments and feedback from commissioners were incorporated.
- b. Vote on by-laws
  - i. Christina Drushel Williams- affirmed
  - ii. Stephen Goldberg- Confirmed
  - iii. By-laws were approved.

**Commission Suicide Prevention Plan Update:**

- a. The plan is being reviewed by BHA leadership and moved through so it will be submitted on time on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Commission Representative on Conference Planning Committee:**

- a. If anyone is interested in serving on the planning committee for next year's conference, email Janel Cubbage ([Janel.cubbage@maryland.gov](mailto:Janel.cubbage@maryland.gov)).

**Executive Order, Appointments and New Seats:**

- a. Applications for new seats are being reviewed. If you want to submit applications, please submit them in the next couple weeks. We will follow-up with Kim Binardi.

**Legislative Preview:**

- a. This was a request from the last commission meeting to discuss current or future legislation that may impact suicide prevention.
- b. Discussion about the red flag law and whether there will be amendments to it. HIPAA and red flag law concerns.
- c. The MD youth advising council approved their 2019 legislative priorities, which include mental health, substance use and school safety.

- d. An update from the Education department on the School Safety Act might be helpful during the next Commission meeting. The Commission discussed the importance of youth engagement. There are two student applicants for the commission.

**Task Force Updates/Report Out:**

- a. The task force is being reinvigorated for the new year. BHA team will discuss and address how task forces will be used.
- b. Dana discussed the work of the Veterans task force. In their last meeting, they did a mind-mapping activity and sent out a survey to ask members to prioritize the conclusions from this activity. She will hold off before convening again and wants to have a better understanding of what the leadership would like to see coming from the task forces.

**Open Discussion:**

- a. Survivor Day was an amazing program and very helpful for healing. It will be held November 23<sup>rd</sup> in 2019.
- b. Resource- [Livethroughthis.com](http://Livethroughthis.com) for suicide attempt survivors. It helps connect survivors.
- c. The Commission was represented during the Out of the Darkness walk.
- d. Today was Kim's last day staffing the commission. The next meeting will be held January 9, 2019.

**Adjourned:**

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.